

# WASHINGTON SIDELIGHTS

## "National Department of Public Works"



WASHINGTON.—The work of the National Public Works Department association in behalf of the Jones-Reavis bill in congress is creating a nation-wide stir. The association is composed of 135,000 engineers, architects, contractors and other organizers. The bill proposes to establish the department of public works in place of the department of the interior, which has been made the catch-all of miscellaneous domestic activities. It would throw out of the department what does not properly belong to it and collect in it the government activities that have to do with engineering, construction and public works functions.

At present these functions are performed by 39 separate and distinct

agencies in nine out of the ten departments, which in many cases do exactly the same kind of work and are not correlated and co-ordinated except through congress. In addition to the three constitutional branches of government there has grown up a fourth government by bureaus, boards and commissions.

In the regrouping of functions among the departments the interior department would transfer the patent office to the department of commerce; the bureau of pensions to the treasury department; the bureau of education to the department of labor the Freedman's hospital to the public health service, and so on.

Into the new department of public works would be taken the supervising architect's office from the treasury department; the corps of engineers, rivers and harbors, from the war department; the coast and geodetic survey from the department of commerce; the bureau of good roads and of forest service from the agricultural department, and so on.

Of course every department—except perhaps the interior—will fight the bill to the last ditch.

## Tries to Give Away Platt National Park

PLATT National park in Oklahoma was established in 1902. It contains but 848 acres. It has sulphur and bromide springs of medical value. Last year it attracted about 25,000 visitors, most of them from the adjacent city of Sulphur. So Platt is hardly up to the standard of the national parks. It is slated to be reduced to a national monument.

In 1913 Platt got an appropriation of \$17,000, which has gradually been decreased to \$6,000 for fiscal year 1920. While the national park items in the sundry civil bill were being considered in the house just before adjournment, Harrell of Oklahoma offered an amendment increasing the appropriation from \$6,000 to \$9,000.

Harrell did his best to prove that it was a wonder as a beauty spot, as well as a health resort, but his main argument was that the park was in a deplorable condition and that as long as it remained a national park it was the duty of the federal government to keep it up in decent shape. McKewen of Oklahoma backed up his colleague and argued that the increase should be \$5,000.

Then Good of Iowa, chairman of the appropriations committee, offered a substitute amendment which provided for a transfer of the park to the state of Oklahoma and, in case of the failure

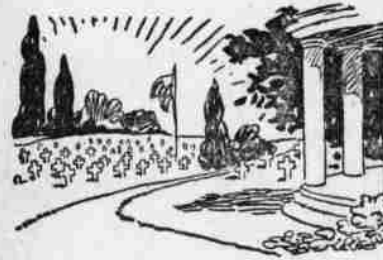


or refusal of Oklahoma to accept the park, for the sale of the park either by sealed proposals or by public auction, the proceeds to go to the treasury.

Mann of Illinois made a point of order, holding that the Good amendment was legislation. Good replied that it was legislation under the Holman rule and to the surprise of everyone read from the act creating the park a section providing that the federal government was not committed to the expenditure of money on the park, as it was the intention to convey the park to whatever state should be formed out of the then Indian territory.

Mann's point of order was sustained and Harrell's amendment was passed. So Platt National park gets a stay of sentence and an increased appropriation.

## Fields of Honor in France for U. S. Dead



SECRETARY of War Baker has announced plans for the establishment in France of three American fields of honor in which will be grouped the bodies of Americans who gave their lives overseas in the world war.

A war memorials council is created. This council will be an advisory commission in all matters pertaining to the care of the dead, the marking of the graves and the beautification of these "American Fields of Honor." These fields of honor will be planted with memorial trees and approached by memorial drives.

Members of the war memorials council will be representatives of the following organizations: National Fine Arts Commission, the American Institute of Architects, the American Forestry Association, the seven affiliated welfare organizations, the American Legion, the navy department, the quartermaster's corps (cemeterial division), the war plans division of the general staff, representatives from the families of soldier dead.

The war department will neither propose nor oppose the bringing of military dead from overseas to America, but will place all available information at the disposal of the relatives concerned, and will abide by their decision. Points in the plans include these:

That Romagne, Belleau and Suresnes be the permanent American fields of honor in France.

That those bodies not requested to be returned be concentrated in the three locations named herein.

That headstones and markers be rigorously uniform and erected by the government and that in the making of permanent plots there be no segregation into distinctive locations on the basis of rank.

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# Crow Farmer's Friend and Foe

"Twice as Good as He Is Bad,"  
Writer Says of Persecuted Bird.

## IS BACKED BY UNCLE SAM

Kills Young Chickens and Destroys Eggs of Other Birds, But on Other Hand He Kills Field Mice and Insects.

Washington.—The United States biological survey sends out a bulletin about the crow. It says that the big, black fellow is the farmer's friend and should not be exterminated, and it goes on to assert that many crows recently examined were found to eat 88 per cent grain and 62 per cent May beetles, tussock moths, grasshoppers, gypsy moths, army worms, chinchbugs and brown moths. So he is about twice as good as he is bad.

But the crow also kills young chickens and destroys the eggs of other birds, George F. Burba writes in the Columbus Dispatch. Charge that up against him along with the 88 per cent grain which he eats. Then on the other hand, set down a large number of field mice and cutworms which he also gets away with and there is still a balance in his favor. Besides, much of the grain the crow eats would be wasted anyway, since he picks up the scattered kernels in the field and eats a lot of very poor corn and wheat that wouldn't be any account to anybody else.

## Hunted Become Intelligent.

The government bulletin isn't going to have much effect, one way or another, however. Everybody takes a shot at a crow whenever he gets a chance, but the crows persist. They have been warned upon so much that they have become very intelligent.

Take note of that—anything that is warned upon or hunted becomes intelligent. The hunted birds and animals acquire knowledge and cunning, or whatever you want to call it. Otherwise they would disappear.

If crows were stupid and sat around on fences when they see a man in the field with a gun; if they built their nests where the nests could be easily broken up; if they did not help each other by giving warning of approaching danger, there would be no crows. But everyone seems to be an enemy of the gossy fellow, and he knows that he must keep at a safe distance.

He learns that he must build his nest high up in a tree, away from human habitation, and watch out every moment for somebody or something that would kill him. All of this has made him what we call one of the most intelligent of birds.

The Crow as a Pet.  
And still the crow is a sociable bird. He likes human beings, when they

treat him right. He makes a splendid pet, although a naughty one, in that he is always getting into trouble. If you will take a crow when it is young and raise it it becomes as gentle as a chicken.

He likes to be around the house, where there are a lot of boys, but at every opportunity he will fly upon the table and snatch the food, or carry scissors or thimbles or spools of thread or jewelry away and hide them. He is a mischief maker with the hens and chickens and fuses and quarrels and wrangles with the dog that sleeps upon the porch.

But he will not desert the family; he will remain with the boy that feeds him and attends to him, although he may take a trip occasionally to the fields and talk to the other crows, coming back at night to his regular roost.

## Girls Beat Boys Spelling.

Tiffin O.—Girls in the Seneca county schools are better spellers than the boys. Honors at the county school spelling and speaking contest held here went chiefly to the girls. Miss Gertrude Bertsch of Thompson won the seventh and eighth grade spelling contest. Harry Sperow of Hopewell the fifth and sixth and Irene Hatton of Attica the third and fourth. Rosamond Showalter of Attica and Thomas Watson of Old Fort won in the two divisions of the speaking contest.

# Tell Ships of Ocean Noises

Secret Ears to Be Placed on Merchant Ships by the Government.

## TEST PROVES IT A SUCCESS

Hydrophone, Government Controlled Invention, Can Explain Many Sea Mysteries—Tried Out on Destroyer.

New York.—In olden times when Chinese shipbuilders designed and constructed their lateen-rigged craft for war or commercial purposes, prominent and oftentimes ferocious "eyes" were located on either side of the bow.

Today modern America, now the leading nation in ship construction, is proposing to equip her merchant vessels with "ears," the location of which, like the eyes on the Chinese junk, are

## Audience Applauded as Snake Crushed Trainer

Applause from a large audience resounded in the little theater at Serbruck, Switzerland, while a gigantic python slowly crushed its trainer to death.

The trainer, a Hungarian girl named Ciro, realized her peril and shrieked for help as the coils of the serpent closed about her, but the audience believed her cries were part of the entertainment and cheered loudly.

Fraulein Ciro's manager rushed on the stage and shot the snake, but not until the young woman was beyond help. It was not until after the performance was over that the people were apprised of the fact they had witnessed a gruesome tragedy.

## Now Crows Over the Doctors.

Huntington, W. Va.—Marguerite, the twenty-month-old daughter of E. W. Stoller and wife, was slowly wasting away. Physicians saw no hope of her recovery. She was seized with a fit of coughing and a watermelon seed she had swallowed last September was disgorged. Now she will get well.

## Met Death on Duty.

Lawrenceburg, Ind.—Capt. Wesley L. Moore, aged seventy-eight, river pilot, often said he hoped he might die on the Ohio river. Death came to him as he wished. He was found lifeless in his cabin on the Ivory Wood, a vessel he operated between Cincinnati and New Orleans.

## Case Seemed Hopeless

Use of Doan's, However, Brought Complete Recovery and the Results Were Remarkable.

"I used to think my back would surely break," says Mrs. H. S. Fix, prominent lodge woman, 340 Carpenter Street, Reading, Pa. "My back pained me constantly. I was as helpless as a baby and a nurse had to stay with me all the time."

The kidney secretions burned and passed as often as every ten minutes. Sometimes my eyes were almost closed by the swollen sacs beneath them and my limbs, too, swelled twice their normal size. For almost a year I was practically helpless and never expected to get downstairs again. I had been told that nothing could be done for me, and had given up all hope of ever getting better. My condition was critical when I was told about Doan's Kidney Pills. I began using them and the results made me hopeful of getting well again. The pain in my back ceased and my swollen limbs started to look more natural. I kept on using Doan's and became entirely well. I owe my life to Doan's."

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HARRY WOLF, Notary Public.  
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## Prayed for Cure Finds it After 10 Years

Food Would Sour and Boil—Teeth Like Chalk

Mr. Herbert M. Gessner writes from his home in Berlin, N. H.:

I had stomach trouble over ten years kept getting worse. I tried everything for relief but it came back worse than ever. Last fall I got awfully bad; could only eat light loaf bread and tea. In January I got so bad that what I would eat would sour and boil; my teeth would be like chalk. I suffered terribly. I prayed every day for something to cure me. One day I read about EATONIC and told my wife to get me a box at the drug store as I was going to work at 4 p. m. I took one-third of it and began to feel relief; when it was three-fourths gone, I felt fine and when it was used up I had no pains. Wife got me another box but I have felt the pain but twice. I used five tablets out of the new box and I have no more stomach trouble. Now I write to tell you how thankful I am that I heard of EATONIC. I feel like a new man; I eat what I like, drink plenty of water, and it never hurts me at all.

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## Her Tragedy.

"We have such a good joke on Mame."

"What is it?"

"After she married that rich old curmudgeon the family physician told her he was as sound as a dollar and likely to last for the next 20 years."

## FRECKLES

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There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as Othine—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these bothersome spots. Simply get an ounce of Othine—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is so simple that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength Othine, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

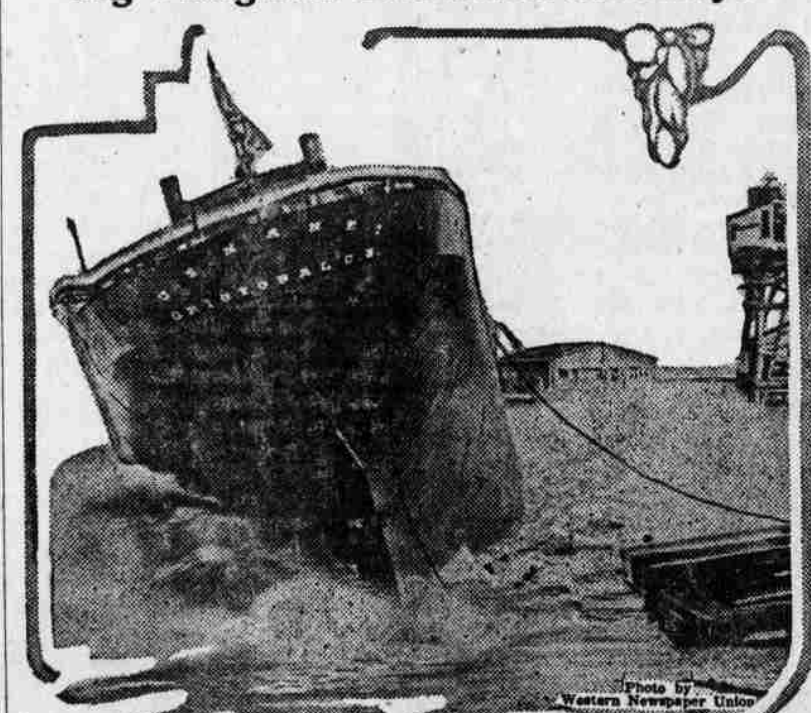
## Italian "City of Crime."

The only town in the world which can boast of possessing more criminals than law-abiding folk is the Italian city of Arsenia, which is known as the City of Crime. For several hundred years nearly every criminal who has escaped prison or done time in Italy has emigrated to Arsenia, and today practically every inhabitant of the place is a criminal or the child of a criminal.

How contagious is the insanity of the midnight cat!

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## Big Freighter Launched Sideways



View of the sideways launching of the steel freighter Mamet, built for the Panama canal commission. The vessel has a capacity of 10,000 tons.

## Man Fell Into Bear Pit; Arm and Leg Torn Away

August Kabler, a medical student at Berne, Switzerland, was terribly mauled by bears into whose pit at the zoological gardens he had fallen while he was throwing carrots to them. He was taken to the hospital in a serious condition, his left leg and left arm being entirely torn away.

## None Dies in This Town.

Cranmore, Cal.—This town asserts itself as the healthiest community in the state, basing its claim upon the fact that the local cemetery has not had a grave dug since 1893, the date of the last funeral in Cranmore. Since that time several residents of the community have died in other sections of the state, but it is a remarkable fact that not a single death has occurred in the community since 1893.

## NEW REVOLT LOOMS

### Outbreak of Junker Army in Pomerania Feared.

Kapp Supporters Scattered Among Big Estates Obviously as Farm Laborers.

Stettin.—Everyone in this section of Pomerania will tell you something is going to happen, but they do not know what.

Former Minister of War Reinhardt, who is trying to find the answer and to devise a lid for threatening outbreaks, feels the same way, but apparently he is satisfied there is no immediate danger. Under his direction the headquarters of two Junker outfits have been raided and closed, and the militarized police force has been strengthened. There are no outward signs, except that general unrest indicates a tempest in the situation. Everybody is sleeping on his arms,

one eye open. No confidence is felt in the Reichswehr, which still retains most of the officers who supported the Kapp forces, and these still have their arms and are scattered among the big estates, obviously as farm laborers, but in reality more like small bands of mercenaries as bodyguards for the Junker barons.

The opposing forces are the actual workmen. On the estates there nominally are two organizations, but it needs only the first hint of a monarchist coup when they will be under one leadership ready for battle.

## Let the Defense Hang Itself.

Noblesville, Ind.—Mrs. Rosa Davis, administratrix, suing the Central Indiana Railroad company for the death of her husband, Charles E. Davis, didn't have any witnesses, but on the evidence of the railroad's witnesses she was awarded a verdict of \$3,000. All testimony for Mrs. Davis was brought out on cross-examination.

## Recess Appointments of President Wilson

FAILURE of congress to act on nearly 200 executive appointments before adjournment, combined with a number of vacancies now existing, or expected to occur soon in governmental departments and the diplomatic service, is expected to lead to a number of recess appointments by President Wilson. While the larger portion of the unconfirmed nominations are postmasters of the lower grades, appointments to a number of important offices were not acted on by the senate.

The president began the work of making these recess appointments promptly. The first to be made were those of Henry Jones Ford of New Jersey, Mark W. Potter of New York and James Duncan of Massachusetts, to be members of the interstate commerce commission. The appointees to the interstate commerce commission were nominated before adjournment, but the senate failed to act on them. When they take office all vacancies on the commission will have been filled, including the two new places created by the transportation act, which increased the membership from nine to eleven.

Marston Taylor Dogert of New York and Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts,



sets, were named members of the United States tariff commission.

Among the nominations not acted upon by the senate were those of Henry Morganthau, to be ambassador to Mexico, John Skelton Williams, to be comptroller of the currency, and Martin L. Gillen, to be a member of the shipping board.

The new merchant marine bill signed by the president just before congress adjourned, creates a new shipping board of seven members. Appointments to the new board probably will be made by the president before congress reassembles in December.

Diplomatic posts now vacant include those of ministers to Bulgaria, Finland, Greece and Honduras.